

**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA
REDDY**

WRIT PETITION No. 25538 OF 2006

Dated 1st February 2007

Between:

Gaddam Durgaiah

...Petitioner

and

Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries Department, Karimnagar & others.

...Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner is a resident of Mahadevpur village of Karimnagar District. He is said to be a fisherman. It is the case of the petitioner that himself and other fishermen of the village have submitted applications to the respondents herein, for formation and registration of a Fishermen Co-operative Society. The 3rd respondent is said to have issued notice, dated 9.5.2006, proposing to conduct proficiency test for the applicants. His grievance is that though several months have elapsed, no action has been taken by the respondents and that neither any society is formed, nor any rights are granted to them. He seeks appropriate direction, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Government Pleader for Fisheries.

From a perusal of the notice, dated 9.5.2006, issued by the 3rd respondent, it is evident that he proposed to conduct proficiency test on 17.5.2006 at 11 A.M., at Pushkarghat of Godavari River, at Kaleswaram. The circumstances that led to non-conducting of test on the notified date, are not before this court. Even assuming that the postponement of the test was occasioned due to any reasons, he cannot sit over the matter indefinitely. One season has already elapsed, ever since the petitioner submitted application. One of the objects, for which the respondents function, is to promote the interests and protect the rights of the fishermen.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondents herein, to take necessary steps for formation of Fishermen Co-operative Society, for Mahadevpur village, within a period of three months, from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

1st February 2007

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